



Commission on Aging and Retirement Education
EXCELLENT GOVERNMENT SERVICE
ACTION ALERT!

TO: Mayor Martin O'Malley
City Council
CARE Commissioners

Senior Center Directors
Eating Together Program
CARE Staff

FROM: John P. Stewart
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DATE: August 12, 2004

AREA/SERVICES:

Food and Nutrition – 2004 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program – Update August 12, 2004

BACKGROUND:

Funded and managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, and sponsored by the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA) and the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE), the Senior Farmers' Market Program was established as a pilot in 2001, and continues today, to provide low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. Coupons are good at designated farmers' markets throughout Maryland.

ALERT:

The Department of Agriculture has been informed by the Department of General Services (DGS) that the farmers' market at the state office complex in Baltimore will be temporarily closed through August 18th due to heightened security concerns.

OUTCOME:

The re-opening of the farmers' market at the state office complex in Baltimore will be reviewed between now and August 18th to determine if conditions improve. If indicated, the market can once again be opened at this location. Market patrons might shop at the Waverly 32nd Street market on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until noon, or at the Downtown Baltimore market under the JFX viaduct on Sunday: 8:00 from a.m. - Noon.

FOLLOW-UP

If you have any questions regarding this Alert, please contact Rona Martiyan at (410) 396-4932, or CARE's Call Center at (410) 396-2273.

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